



Michael A. Morgan

July 19, 2017

Michael A. Morgan, Specialist 4, husband, son, brother, uncle, grandfather, and friend lost his battle with cancer July 19, 2017 at the age of 69. Mike, a Vietnam veteran, was a decorated combat medic, known as "Doc." He received a number of commendations for his actions in battle - 2 Silver Stars, 2 Bronze Stars, Flying Star, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters and 2 Purple Hearts. While recovering at Fort Sam Huston Hospital, Mike was the highest decorated non-combatant in the hospital at that time. He said it was not about receiving medals, it was about saving lives.

Mike was preceded by his mother Adah Morgan and his father Russ "Red" Morgan.

In life, Mike was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Kelso High School in Kelso, Washington. Upon earning his teaching degree in music at Central Washington College, music was Mike's passion. He played in all the school bands and a number of local dance (rock) bands. Mike went on to play for as well as conduct bands for major Shrine circuses which led to meeting Carla Wallenda. Finding a new passion, he then joined the famous Wallenda family in a high wire act with Carla. The two spent the next 40 years performing all across the eastern part of the US including, Canada, and the Caribbean, building a life and legacy that is cherished by all that survive him. Mike's was a life of purely selfless love and positivity that impacted all that encountered

him.

Mike leaves behind the love of his life Carla Wallenda, her children Ricky and Rietta, brothers Russ (Gerry) and Terry (Connie), several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, 9 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

The viewing will be held from 6:00 -8:00 pm August 1st, with funeral services at 11:00 AM August 2nd, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home in downtown Sarasota.

A full military service and burial will be held at 1:00 PM August 2, 2017 at the Sarasota National Cemetery with a reception at The Showfolks of Sarasota at 5:00 PM August 2nd.

Mike had requested instead of flowers all contributions should be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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“ *Doc Morgan A great soldier, and a really good friend,,He will be truly missed....He is my brother for life and will always remain in my thoughts and heart.....RIP*
Frank Danulevith 68/69 1st Cav B 2 5

Frank Danulevith - July 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Carol and I will always remember the great times we shared "on the road". Mike was a wonderful man with a positive attitude and kindness to all. He will be missed by everyone! Our condolences to all the families who his life touched.*

Steve & Carol Welch - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM